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[REDACTED] Assistant Commissioner of Internal Affairs, United States Customs Service, Washington, D.C. (WDC), was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview. He thereafter furnished the following information:

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[REDACTED] advised he cannot recall an incident which occurred in Anchorage, Alaska, on December 8, 1973, concerning the Customs Inspector in Anchorage and a Korean National named [REDACTED]. By way of background information, [REDACTED] was informed that while entering the United States through Anchorage, [REDACTED] was detained by Customs Inspectors who observed a list in [REDACTED] possession which was believed to be a list of politicians and contributions made to that politician. [REDACTED] District Director of Customs, Anchorage, wanted to make a copy of the list, but decided to contact [REDACTED] in Washington, D.C., who at the time was the Director of Inspection and Control.

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[REDACTED] was also informed that [REDACTED] recalls discussing this matter with him and they both decided that since the papers in [REDACTED] possession did not pertain to a matter within the Customs jurisdiction, they should not be taken from [REDACTED] and no copies of the material should be made. [REDACTED] advised that he cannot recall discussing this matter with [REDACTED] but he has complete confidence in [REDACTED] and if [REDACTED] says he talked to him, the conversation must have taken place. [REDACTED] reflected that if such a discussion took place, he probably would have asked [REDACTED] what was the Customs Service interest in [REDACTED]. If none, he probably would have instructed Anchorage not to copy or confiscate any of [REDACTED] documents.

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[REDACTED] advised that if the Inspectors in Anchorage thought their actions may result in a complaint being filed by a traveler, they would prepare an Anticipated Complaint Report, which would be kept on file in Anchorage and at the Regional Office in San Francisco. This report is usually not sent to Headquarters. [REDACTED] stated he cannot recall any

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by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
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conversation with [] in which they decided that the Customs personnel in Anchorage should make a record for the file and forward a copy to Headquarters. He advised he does not know if [] actually received this package and has no knowledge of any documents being destroyed or shredded by [] advised that he cannot recall a conversation with [] in which []

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[] stated that the Director of Inspection and Control usually does not refer any questions to him and a problem of this type should probably have been handled by [] He stated the possibility exists that at that time [] was serving as the Acting Assistant Commissioner of Operations and he did not feel confident in making the decision to release [] possessions. As a result, [] may have called him while he was Acting Commissioner of the Customs Service. However, he cannot recall if he was actually serving as the Acting Commissioner on December 8, 1973.

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[] stated if the Inspectors in Alaska thought the list of [] was evidence of payments to politicians, the correct procedure would have been to call [] the Regional Commissioner in San Francisco. [] explained the Customs Service is highly decentralized and the Regional Office should have been notified instead of Headquarters. If the matter was thought to be sensitive, the Commissioner should then have been notified. [] stated that assuming he did talk to [] must not have considered this to be a sensitive matter because he did not talk to the Commissioner or write any memoranda making his actions matter of record. He opined that perhaps [] and [] attached some significance to the matter while he did not.

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[] stated the thought of a cover up resulting in these items not being sent to the Department of Justice is a little far fetched. He reiterated he knew nothing pertaining to the destruction of files and in fact, did not know any were destroyed. He mentioned the destruction of items falls within the area of responsibility of [] division.

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[] stated at one time he kept a log of telephone calls for his personal use, but has discontinued this practice because of the large number of telephone calls he receives. After a search of his files, he advised his log from 1973 has been destroyed.

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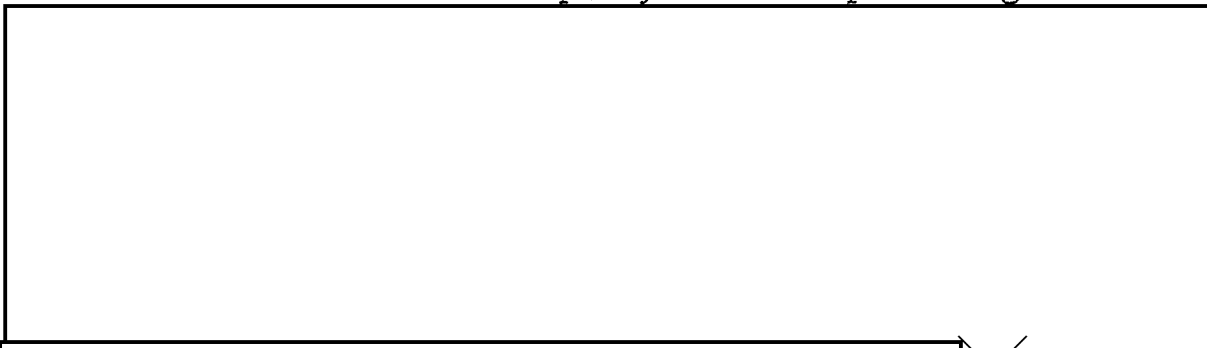
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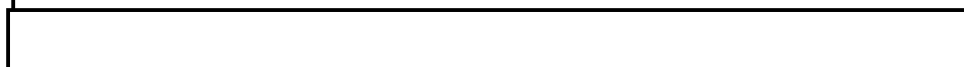
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